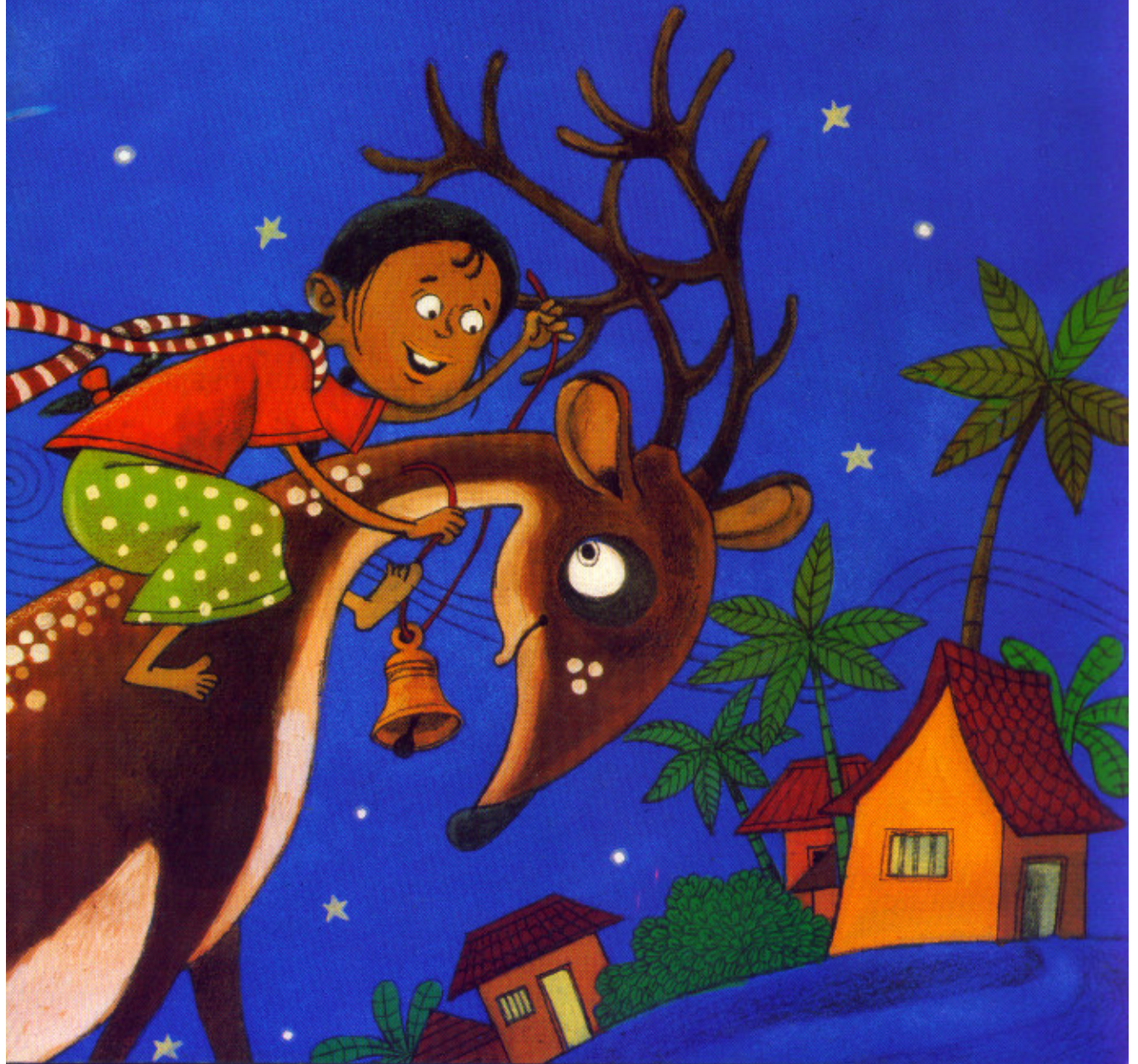




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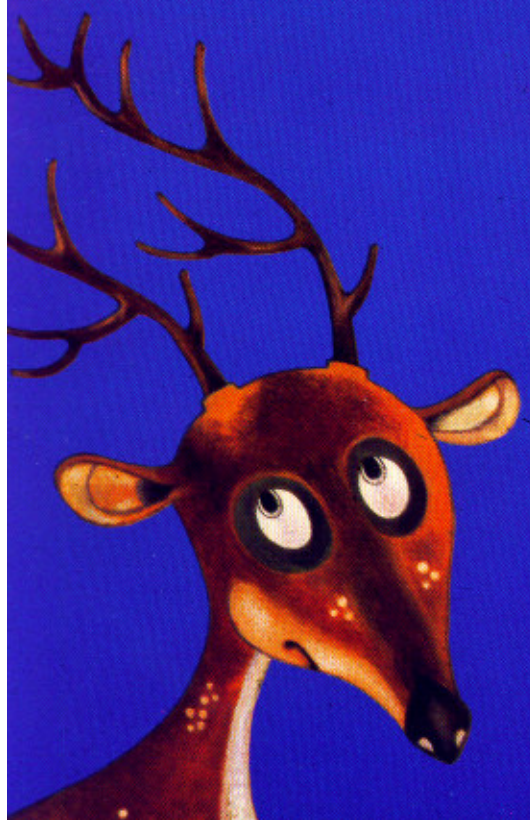
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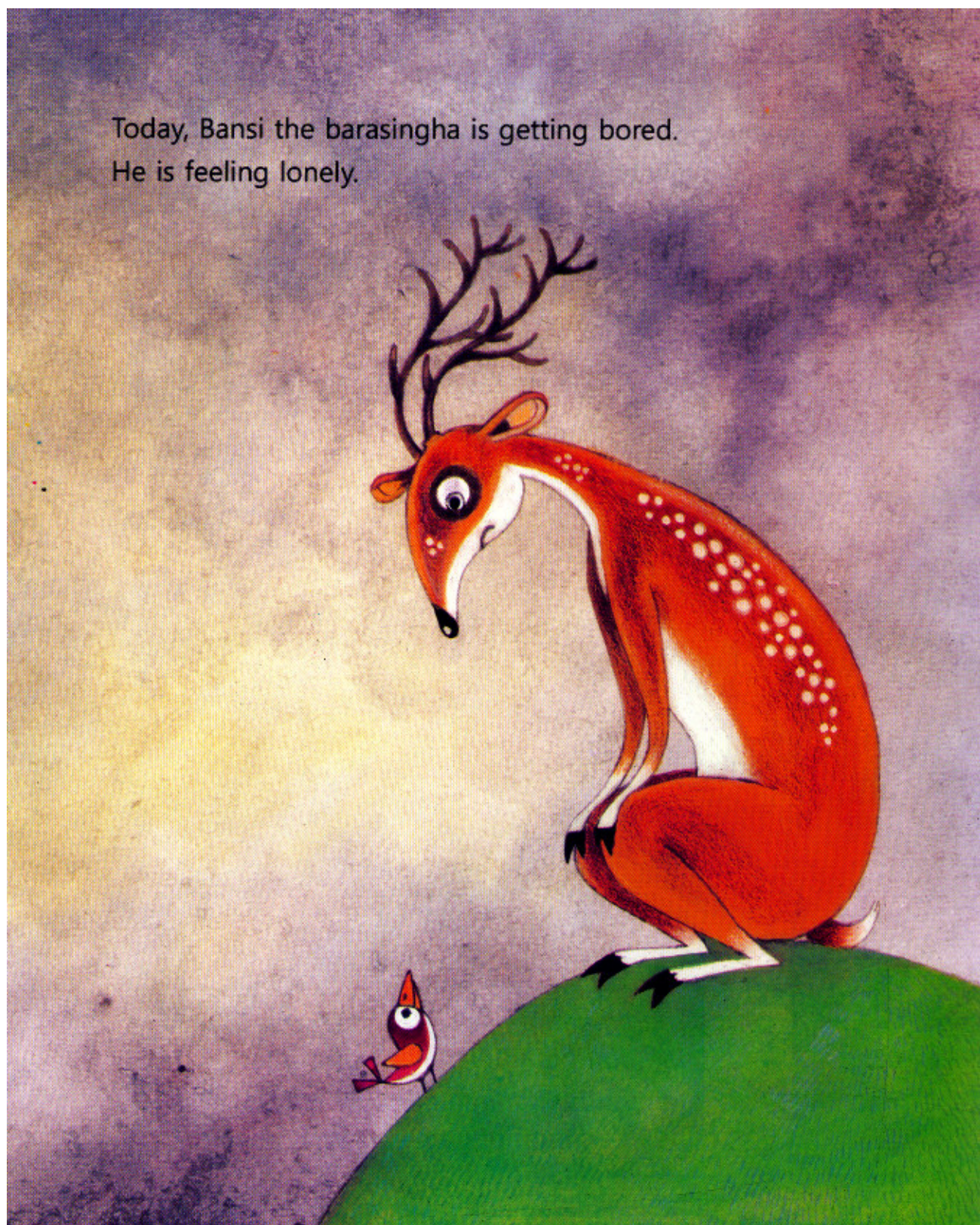
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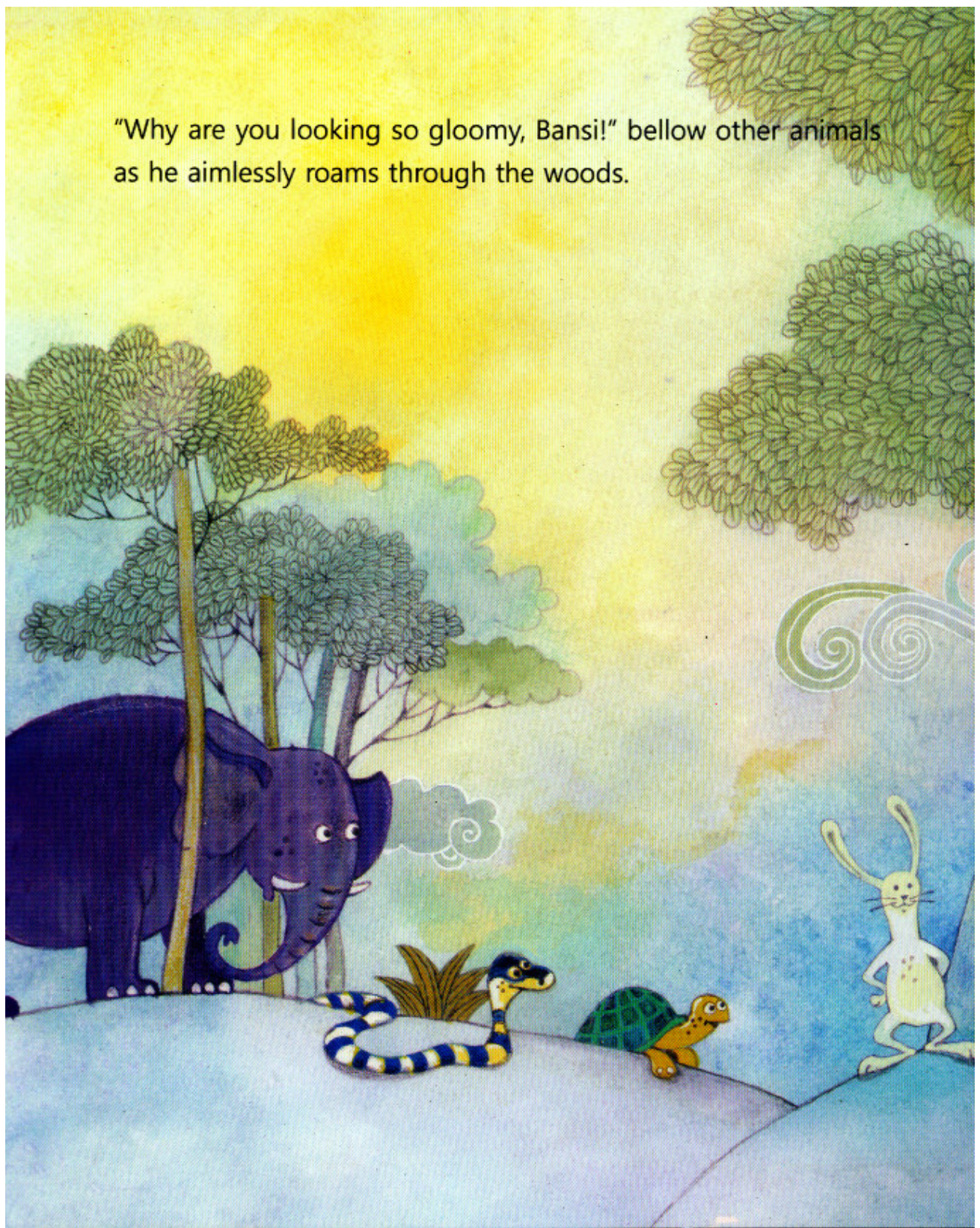


Today, Bansi the barasingha is getting bored.  
He is feeling lonely.





"Why are you looking so gloomy, Bansi!" bellow other animals  
as he aimlessly roams through the woods.













After wondering here and there, he goes beyond the jungle.





In a clearing, he spots some children swinging from the trees.

"I would love to join them but . . ." he thinks.

Since it is becoming dark, children begin to return home.

Bansi also proceeds homewards.







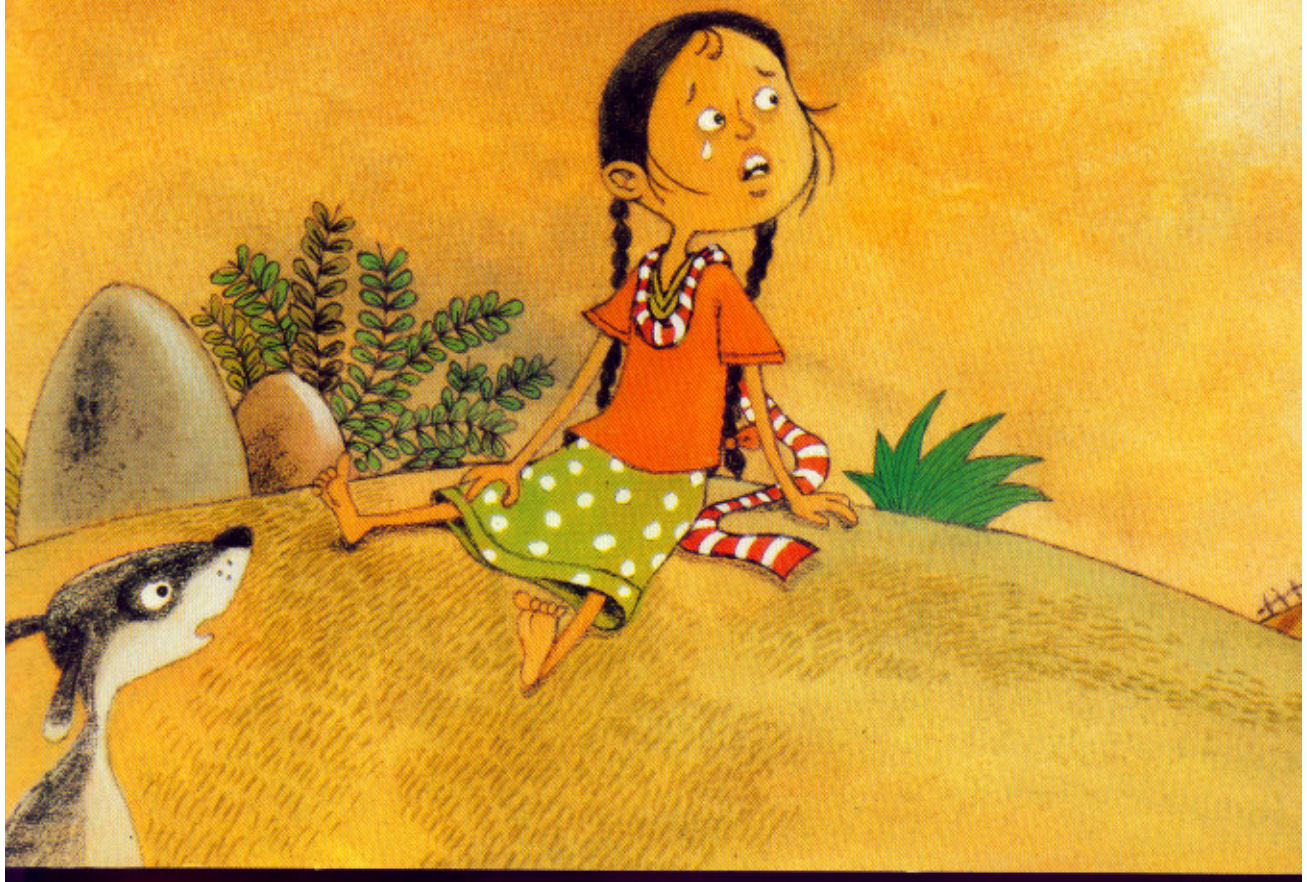


All at once Bansi's nose begins to twitch. He holds his head high to look around.

There, on the edge of the treeline, above a mound, a little girl is sitting alone.

Bansi hesitantly goes near her.

"I have hurt my leg and I can't walk," the little girl complains.













Bansi kneels down.

The little girl slips her arms around his neck and slowly  
climbs on his back.

Bansi carries her home.





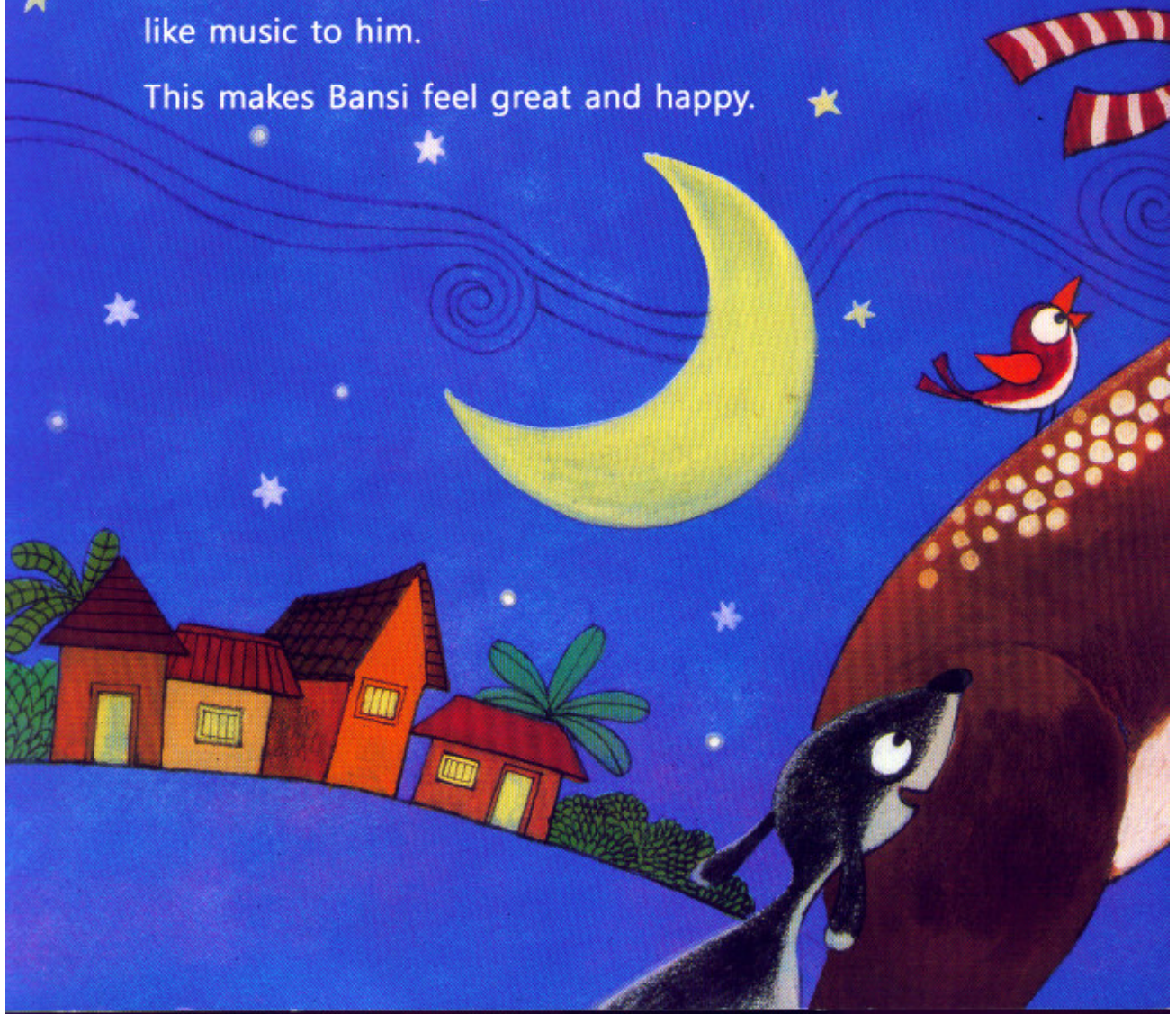
Very soon the little girl reaches home safely.

"You are a real friend!" she announces and ties a bell around his neck.

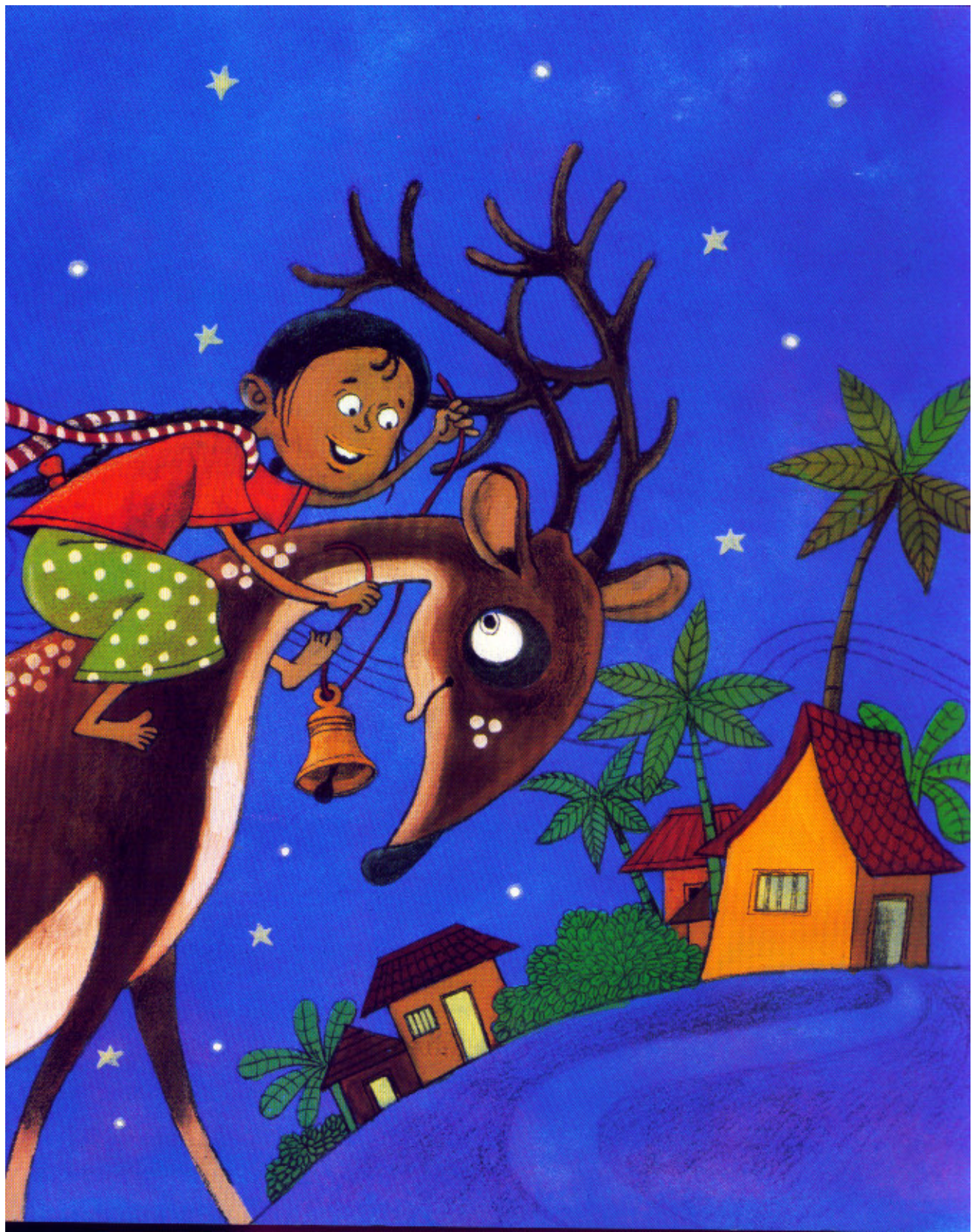
Bansi lifts his head high and tosses his antlers from side to side.

★ There is a soft tinkling sound of the bell which is like music to him.

This makes Bansi feel great and happy. ★









Under the moonlit sky both friends sit down  
and start counting the stars . . .

They are not gloomy anymore! \*







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